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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
12 **DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

13 THE CHURCH OF THE EAGLE AND
THE CONDOR, *et al.*,

14 Plaintiffs,

15 v.

16 MERRICK GARLAND, *et al.*,

17 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:22-cv-01004-SRB

**UNOPPOSED MOTION TO
EXTEND RESPONSIVE
PLEADING DEADLINE
(First Request)**

20 Defendants through counsel and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b) and LRCiv 7.3,
21 seek an order extending the deadline to file a responsive pleading until November 15, 2022,
22 Plaintiff's deadline to file any potential opposition until December 15, 2022, and
23 Defendant's deadline to file any potential reply until January 5, 2023. This is the first
24 request for an extension by Defendants in this matter. Plaintiffs do not oppose this request.

25 Plaintiffs filed their Complaint on June 9, 2022 and served a copy of the Complaint
26 and Summons on the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona on August
27 19, 2022 via certified mail. The Complaint seeks declaratory and injunctive relief
28 stemming from claims under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, 42 U.S.C.

1 § 2000bb-2000bb (4) and under the First, Fifth, and Ninth Amendments of the United
2 States Constitution. The Complaint also asserts under the Freedom of Information Act
3 (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(8)(A).

4 Undersigned seeks to streamline the litigation by setting a singular deadline for
5 response for the FOIA claims together with the remaining claims. To that end, it requires
6 additional time to receive materials from the subject agency, and to prepare a responsive
7 pleading. Undersigned contacted Plaintiff’s counsel, who does not object and will not
8 oppose Defendants’ request. Finally, the requested extension would not result in a
9 significant delay and undersigned affirms it is not sought for any other improper purpose.

10 For all the foregoing reasons, Defendants request that the Court issue an order extending
11 its responsive pleading deadline for all claims up to and including November 15, 2022,
12 Plaintiff’s subsequent deadline for any potential opposition, if appropriate, up to and including
13 December 15, 2022, and Defendant’s deadline for any potential reply until January 5, 2023.

14 Respectfully submitted this 19th day of September, 2022.

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